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ANIMAL INDUSTRIES INVESTIGATION REPORT

NAME, ADDRESS OF ALLEGED COMPLAINT

Owyhee Dairy

Dave Williams

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Phone

Homedale, ID 83628

DATE/TIME RECEIVED:

8:15 5/21/2019

COMPLAINT #:

COUNTY:

Owyhee

TYPE OF COMPLAINT

- ☐ ANIMAL CARE
☐ DEAD ANIMALS
☐ ODOR
☒ MISCELLANEOUS

Remarks Continued:

ditch and looked like it was coming from the corral area just southwest of where the head of the pipe was located. At that time no effluent was coming out of the pipe, but there was a pool of effluent under the head of a pipe that showed evidence of a past discharge. Inspector Montague took a sample from below the pipe in the ditch and then another set of samples from the pooled effluent coming out of the corrals towards the ditch for evidence at that time. Samples from the ditch where pipe head is located was labeled 320 degrees NW Owyhee Dairy creek by N. corrals and samples from the pooled effluent coming out of the corrals was labeled 19 degrees N point of past discharge at Owyhee Dairy. As inspector Montague continued west photographs of pooled effluent under gravel was photographed for evidence and what looked to be a second cut in the ditch bank was observed. The second cut in the bank was located approximately 43° 35'15.91"N 116° 55'11.43"W. Inspector Montague continued West along ditch bank and observed what looked like a third cut in the bank along the ditch between the corrals and ditch on the northwest corner of the corrals. The third cut in the bank was located at approximately 43°35'14.18"N 116°55'17.92"W. A mound of rubble and dirt was in place inside the ditch at this point. Just south of this location the ditch meets with a field lateral. Additional photographs were taken showing some pooled effluent in the ditch where the lateral ends and the ditch begins and a sample was taken and labeled as 337 degrees NW Owyhee Dairy Creek upstream. Inspector Montague circled vehicle back around and left Owyhee Dairy facility at approximately 1:58 PM.

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)

followed the flow of effluent down the Archabal Ditch to the Archabal Drain and on to the Snake River. When reaching the Archabal Drain an additional sample was taken to show how prevalent the effluent concentrations were in the ditch water. Samples labeled Archabal Ditch Drain Owyhee Dairy. Photographs were taken to show direction of the flow from the Archabal Drain Ditch where it met with the City of Homedale water approximately 1,155 yards downstream and then continues on under pivot that is piped below Pioneer Road and then continues on to the Snake River approximately 1,724 yards further downstream. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)

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there five places along

the back of Owyhee Dairy southeast corrals where runoff from the corrals was flowing into Town Ditch. Continuing south, Inspector Montague observed runoff from Owyhee Dairy commodity storage area flowing down into the lower part of Town Ditch. Following the bank approximately 272 yards south west, then 236 yards west, and last 192 yards northwest Inspector Montague arrived at point near the springs where the water was clean and had no runoff from the facility present. Photographs were taken and then Inspector Montague (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)

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Jump Creek. Photographs were taken and then Inspector Montague (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)

At approximately 2:32 PM Inspector Montague arrived back where the active discharge was present behind the southeast corrals and samples were taken. Samples labeled Owyhee Dairy SE Corral Discharge. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)

PM. At approximately 3:02 PM Inspector Montague arrived at Owyhee Dairy where she encountered facility owner Dave Williams. Inspector Montague told Mr. Williams about the evidence of past discharge and the two prominent places southeast of facility where runoff was flowing into Town Ditch. Inspector Montague told Mr. Williams the discharge needed to be stopped immediately and would return first thing the next day to make sure all runoff was contained on site and the discharge had been stopped. Mr. Williams informed Inspector Montague that the ditch was a drainage ditch and he was unaware that runoff was flowing into it. Inspector Montague informed Mr. Williams that being a drainage ditch did not mean dairy byproduct could be released into it and he needed to fix all the berming that had been diminished or removed all along his corrals to protect all waterways from possible contamination of runoff from facility. Inspector Montague informed Mr. Williams that each day the discharge was still going would add an additional fine of \$10,000. Mr. Williams said he would work on containing runoff from his facility.

Wednesday May 22, 2019

At approximately 7:02 AM Inspector Montague arrived at Owyhee Dairy facility. Corral runoff was still pooled outside of corrals in unapproved waste containment area. Inspector Montague started taking photographs for evidence when at approximately 7:17 AM Dave Williams pulled up next to Inspector Montague and asked her to follow him up top so he could show her something. When arriving near

INSPECTOR SIGNATURE

Emily Montague

Date:

05/24/2019